

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 4/23/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Star Graber, DAS Division Manager, 781-4759 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve an application (Clerk's File) to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for licensure of a Driving Under the Influence program office located in Paso Robles, operated by the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services division of the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign an application (Clerk's File) for licensure of a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program office located in Paso Robles, operated by the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services division of the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP No	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 - District 5 -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., MFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 4/23/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign an application (Clerk's File) for licensure of a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program office located in Paso Robles, operated by the San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services division of the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department.

DISCUSSION

For over thirty years, Drug and Alcohol Services (DAS) has been the licensed provider of DUI Programs in San Luis Obispo County. DAS has maintained three separately licensed facilities: one in San Luis Obispo, one in Grover Beach, and one in Atascadero. In December, 2006, the County applied with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for a satellite office located in Paso Robles. Under the definition of a satellite office, the Paso Robles office was available only to multiple offender DUI clients, able to serve up to a maximum of 200 clients per year, and had to be located more than 10 miles from the primary office in Atascadero. Client records for the Paso Robles satellite office needed to be maintained in the licensed Atascadero office. The Paso Robles satellite office did not have clerical or reception staff.

In May, 2012, Drug and Alcohol Services voluntarily closed the Paso Robles satellite DUI office as it was determined that the DUI Program operating at that location was not in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 3, which governs DUI programs. The clients in the Paso Robles office were transferred back to the main clinic in Atascadero for services.

In February, 2013, the Health Agency located available rental space appropriate for a Behavioral Health Department clinic, including the DUI Program, the Public Safety Realignment treatment program (AB109), and other behavioral health treatment programs. Research was conducted through the zip codes of the current Drug and Alcohol Services clients, including DUI and Treatment programs, and it was determined that approximately 50% of the clientele currently associated with the Atascadero office would be better served in a Paso Robles office. Because the clients in the DUI program have lost their driver's licenses and public transportation is problematic in our rural County, downsizing the Atascadero office and opening a new DUI licensed facility in the geographic city in which the over half the clients live would make sense. The distance between the Atascadero office to the Paso Robles office can be prohibitive for program attendance when the clientele must find rides or rely on others, and walking is not feasible. With over 200 clients anticipated to be transferred to the new Paso Robles location, a new program license is required under California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 3. The Atascadero location will be slightly downsized but remain a fully functioning DUI program location. Both locations will offer the full spectrum of DUI programs including: Wet Reckless, First Offender (3 months), First Offender Extended (6 and 9 month programs), and Multiple Offender Programs (18 months). Services will be available in English and Spanish at the Atascadero and Paso Robles offices.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

As per the regulations cited above, approval of the application must be recommended by the Behavioral Health Board. The Board met on April 17th and recommended approval of the application.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None. The DUI Programs are an enterprise fund and are solely supported by client fees and do not rely on County general fund support. The programs have been and will continue to be self-supporting. The decrease in rental and utility costs at the Atascadero location will offset part of the increased in associated costs at the Paso Robles. Client fees will fund the remainder of costs associated with the Paso Robles location.

RESULTS

San Luis Obispo County convictions for DUI have relatively stable at around 1,500 per year since 2010. Approximately 500 of these new convictions annually have been handled in the Atascadero office, and, in total, the Atascadero office provides DUI services to about 3,600 active clients per year. The Paso Robles office is expected to transfer over 50%, or 1,800, of the active north county clients to the new site, as well as provide DUI services to 290 new clients referred for a DUI program due to their conviction. Once the new Paso Robles office is open, county-wide client satisfaction is estimated to increase at least 2% (from 80% to 82%) due directly to the more accessible location. It is anticipated that with more localized services, clients may be more willing to enroll, attend, and complete a driving under the influence program. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerks File Coversheet for Application for DUI Program Office in Paso Robles